(d) Vide answer to question No. 388 (b) of the Legislative Session of 1104.

(e) On a petition submitted in 1102 it was ordered that the work will be taken up for consideration when funds permit.

Foot-bridge over Keecheri river.

119. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Diwan or Chief Engineer has received any petition or representation for constructing a broad bridge instead of a foot-bridge over Keecheri river in Alur village; and if so, what action has been taken by the Government with respect to it;

(b) whether a broader bridge than a foot-bridge will not be more useful?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) Yes. Enquiries are being made.

(b) The point is under investigation.

Suppliers of cement, etc., to the Public Works Department.

120. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state for each year the names of suppliers from whom purchases of cement, iron and girders supplied departmentally by the Engineering Department of the State to the contractors under the Department, were made, the quantity, price and the total amount of each of the above articles purchased and the rate and the total amount of commission, if any, during the last five years from 1100 to 1104;

(b) whether tenders were invited for such purchases; if so, the names of the tenderers and their rates?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—No separate list is kept giving the information asked for by the Member. If any work or group of works are given, the information can be supplied.

(b) Quotations are received from respectable firms and the cheapest rates are accepted.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—My question has not been answered. The question asked is to state for each year the names of suppliers from whom purchases of cement, iron and girders supplied departmentally are made and the answer given is "No separate list is kept giving the information asked for by the Member. If any work or group of works are given, the information can be supplied." I did not want the details of the supply for each departmental work or group of works. That is not the question at all. I want the names of firms who supply the abovesaid articles.

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President.—Can you not give the names of firms from whom you purchase these articles? Take a particular year; can you not say from which all firms you have made purchases?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—We purchase these articles from many firms in Bombay, say Joseph and Co., Crater and Co., from Madras from Massay and Co. and from Cochin from Pierce Leslie and Co. We purchase from a lot of firms. If the Hon'ble Member wants to know from where we purchased the articles for a particular year, then I will be able to say.

President.—Take the year 1100 and take cement. Can you not say from what all persons you purchased the article, then iron from so and so; then iron girders from so and so? Can you not supply the information for the five years up to 1104?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—In the case of one single article, we will have to go through 1,000 to 1,500 files.

President.—Are no registers kept?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—No registers are kept.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Are you purchasing separately for different works?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Then the last part of the question is not answered, "the total amount of commission received by the Government."

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Generally for Government purchases the firms do not give any commission. They quote only the lowest rates.

APPENDIX I.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 93.)

Items of Irrigation works done in 1103 and 1104 M. E.

1. Constructing a surplus sluice for Pananchikadath chira.
2. Reconstructing the piers of the main sluice of Peruvanchira.
3. Improvement to Mulattara system, 3rd section.
4. Do Kunnamkattupathy system.
5. Do Thembaramadakku system.
6. Constructing a sluice for the benefit of Arayampadam lands in Venganellur.
7. Opening a drainage canal in Mullurkayal.
8. Opening a new north to south canal with cross canals in Narakkal and Elangunnapuzha villages.
9. Putting up a groyne at Ochenturuttu.
10. Do coffer boxes for the new weir at Enamakkal.
11. Constructing an additional weir for Enamakkal dam.
12. Providing a screw shutter to the sand sluice of Mulattara anicut.
13. Repairs to ring bund at Enamakkal.
14. Improvements to the Nurni Alankadavu system.

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